

Contact Information for Flood Response Assistance Programs

This table provides funding information for flood protection, emergency response, and flood damage recovery efforts. If you have an immediate need for assistance, contact your local disaster and emergency services and county commission first. Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) can give you contact information for county governments and help you navigate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements. State agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Department of Commerce also have programs that help with longer-term disaster recovery funding. Contact information for all of these programs is listed below.

On June 17, 2011, the President declared certain parts of Montana disaster areas. Currently, most emergency funding is going toward essential public services. Eligibility for funding will expand as DES and FEMA better understand the nature and extent of the damage.

As agencies learn more about flood damage, some programs may change criteria for funding eligibility. Even if you are initially turned down for government funding, prepare to apply again by keeping a good record of costs. Document everything: time spent, pictures, lost and damaged items or property, lost income, dates and times, and weather and flood conditions during the damage.

EMERGENCY FUNDING SPECIFIC TO THE MONTANA 2011 FLOODING Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) is the clearing house for State and Federal financial assistance programs responding to 2011 flood damage. This may change to add local FEMA contacts as FEMA finishes their initial broad-scope assessment of flood damage. Contact your county government first if you need immediate emergency assistance.				
PROGRAM	CONTACT	PHONE EMAIL	AVAILABILITY	ELIGIBILITY
Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance http://dma.mt.gov/des/ http://www.fema.gov/assistance	24-hour number	1-406-324-4777	Availability is based on the type of assistance. Most FEMA assistance will require match funding, typically 25% of costs.	Government Entities (Cities, towns, counties, school districts, conservation districts, Tribal governments, irrigation districts, state government). Private damage: possibly eligible.
Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Recovery Low Interest Loans http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans			Availability will be determined after FEMA completes a preliminary damage assessment.	Small businesses
Natural Resource Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Grants: Contact Joyce Swartzendruber 406-587-6811 Joyce.Swartzendruber@mt.usda.gov http://www.federalgrantswire.com/emergency-watershed-protection-program.html			Immediately after application approval/requires a 25% match	Public and private landowners

**STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS BELOW OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOODING AND/OR EMERGENCIES
EACH PROGRAM HAS DIFFERENT APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

PROGRAM	CONTACT	PHONE EMAIL	AVAILABILITY	ELIGIBILITY
Montana DES Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	Kent Atwood	1-406-324-4782 katwood@mt.gov	Funds projects that prevent or mitigate flood damage	Public and private
FEMA - Flood Mitigation Assistance	Traci Sears DNRC Liaison	1-406-444-6654 tsears@mt.gov	These programs fund projects that prevent or mitigate flood damage	Public facilities and private structures are eligible. Applicants must have flood insurance.
FEMA – Repetitive Flood Claims Program				
FEMA – Severe Repetitive Flood Claims Program				
Montana Dept. of Natural Resources Emergency Grants / Emergency Loans	Bob Fischer	rfischer@mt.gov 1-406-444-6688	Grants less than \$20,000 and loans are available for projects that will prevent further flood damage to renewable resources or irrigation facilities.	Government entities such as counties, towns, conservation and irrigation districts, school districts. Must contact DES first.
http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResDevBureau/emergency_Grants.asp				
Governor’s Environmental Contingency Grants Bob Fischer		rfischer@mt.gov 1-406-444-6688	Available for projects that will prevent further damage to the environment from flood.	Government & private entities. Must contact DES first.
Dept. of Commerce Emergency Grants	Richard Knatterud or Kate Miller	rknatterud@mt.gov 1-406-841-2784	Available for projects that repair community infrastructure facilities.	Government entities only Must contact DES first.
http://comdev.mt.gov/TSEP/tsepemergencygrants.mcp		kmiller@mt.gov 1-406-841-2597		
USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	Steve Troendle	1-406-585-2529	This is a nationwide competition Not for time-sensitive needs.	Disaster-related drinking water problems.
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm				
US Bureau of Reclamation	Dan Jewell	406-247-7298	Repair USBR facilities Not for time-sensitive needs	For US Bureau of Rec projects only
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Emergency Grants	Kim Thomas	402-995-2448	Repair USACE facilities	Corps projects only